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SUBJECT: NPG: OTTAWA MINISTERIAL MEETING

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- 1. CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS REQUESTED NPG COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE OTTAWA NPG MEETING TO FORWARD TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
 (1) COMPLETE DELEGATION LIST FOR THE OTTAWA MEETING;
 (2) ESTIMATED NUMBER OF WIVES ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION; AND (3) LISTING OF MEMBERS AND WIVES PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WHITEHORSE SIDE TRIP.
- 2. COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, WE HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WE PROPOSE TO SEND TO THE SPRING 1977 MEETING, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVE, CITED IN THE REFTEL, TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF DELEGATIONS BY 15-25 PERCENT, AND PROPOSE TO HAVE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOLLOWING USNATO MEMBERS ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR TO THE OTTAWA MEETING:

DR. LAURENCE J. LEGERE - DEFENSE ADVISOR

MR. JOHN A. WOODWORTH - DEFENSE PLANS DIVISION

LT. COL. RUSSELL R. MACDONALD - DEFENSE PLANS DIVISION

MR. DAVID T. JONES - POLITICAL SECTION

THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO WIVES ACCOMPANYING THE USNATO PARTY. IF WASHINGTON DESIRES, WE WILL BRING A SECRETARY TO THE OTTAWA MEETING, AS WE HAVE DONE AT PAST NPG MINISTERIALS.

- 3. THE AMBASSADOR PRESENTLY PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WHITEHORSE SIDE TRIP, AND DR. LEGERE, MR. WOODWORTH, AND LT. COL. MACDONALD PROPOSE TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED:
- (A) PROVIDE INFORMATION INDICATED IN PARA 1 ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR FORWARDING TO CANADIAN DELEGATION;
- (B) ADVISE WHETHER WE SHOULD BRING A SECRETARY TO THE OTTAWA MEETING. STREATOR

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